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SUBJ: 24TH SESSION COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--

REPORT OF THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION, CONCLUDING PHASE

1. IN CONTINUING DISCUSSION IN CSD OF THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION REPORT ON JAN 14 (SEE SEPTTEL FOR REPORT OF INITIAL DISCUSSION), US REP PICKER IN SECOND INTERVENTION, DEALT WITH SECTORAL PAPERS ON POPULATION, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, AND WOMEN, AND BRIEFLY WITH REGIONAL PAPER ON NORTH AMERICA. NOTING SUCCESS OF BUCHAREST CONFERENCE AND PROJECTIONS OF DROP IN POPULATION GROWTH, US REP STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATION OF FERTILITY LEVELS WITH INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, CASUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ANY ONE INDICATOR AND FERTILITY HAS NOT BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED. NOTING THAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM INADEQUATE DIETS WILL NOT ALONE PROVIDE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR EFFECTIVE ATTACK ON NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS, US REP SUGGESTED NEED FOR REPORT ON WHAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARDS OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED AS ESSENTIAL. US REP FURTHER NOTED LINK BETWEEN FOOD SUPPLY AND POPULATION, AND POINTED OUT THAT LEVELS OF LIVING INCLUDE HOUSING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, ETC. IN ADDITION TO FOOD. US REP ALSO NOTED USEFULNESS OF STUDIES ON EATING HABITS AS AN ESSENTIAL STEP IN ATTACK ON MALNUTRITION. TURNING TO WOMEN, US REP NOTED PROGRESS IN ELIMINATING LEGAL BARRIERS TO EQUALITY, BUT RECOGNIZED CONTINUING PROBLEM OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON TRADITION AND CUSTOM. US REP

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LEVELS AIMED AT BROADENED PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AT ALL LEVELS OF PUBLIC LIFE. IN COMMENTS ON NORTH AMERICA REGIONAL DOCUMENT, US REP NOTED THAT US DATA WAS ESSENTIALLY CURRENT AND FACTUAL BUT THAT COMBINED TREATMENT OF CANADA AND US MADE IT DIFFICULT TO SUCCESSFULLY ANALYZE US PROGRESS TOWARDS SOCIAL GOALS. US REP STATED BELIEF THAT REPORT ON WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR COMPARISON BETWEEN COUNTRIES. (US STATEMENT ISSUED AS PRESS RELEASE, USUN PR 1(75).)

2. CYPRIOT (SPARSIS) DEL SUGGESTED CSD SHOULD AUTHORIZE SECT TO BE MORE BLUNT AND CRITICAL IN NEXT REPORT. NOTING THAT DISPARITIES IN DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME SUGGEST LACK OF SUCCESS OF SOCIAL POLICIES, GOVERNMENTS MUST TAKE ACTION TO LESSEN THE VOID BETWEEN THOSE WHO HAVE POWER AND PRIVILEGE AND THOSE WHO DO NOT. OBSERVING THAT YEARS OF SOCIAL PROGRESS IN CYPRUS HAD BEEN ABRUPTLY AFFECTED BY INTERVENTION FROM ABROAD, DEL CALLED FOR COEXISTENCE AS ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT TO CONTINUED SOCIAL PROGRESS.

3. IN DISCUSSION ON APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION FOR CSD TO TAKE WITH RESPECT TO REPORT, ITALY STRESSED IMPORTANCE TO CSD OF NOT LOSING OPPORTUNITY TO USE REPORT AS INSTRUMENT OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. ITALIAN REP ASKED IF REPORT COULD BE REVISED BY CSD AS APPROPRIATE AND THEN FORWARDED TO COMITE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (CDP) AND COMITE FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL (CRA). SECT (WALTERS) NOTED THAT REPORT WOULD BE PUBLISHED FOLLOWING TECHNICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS SUGGESTED BY CSD, BUT THAT RESOLUTION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SEND REPORT TO CDP AND CRA. FRENCH DEL SUGGESTED THAT IF TARGETS OF STRATEGY WERE TO BE REDEFINED TODAY, CSD WOULD HAVE MORE INFLUENCE IN PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT HE DOUBTED IF MAJOR RESTRUCTURING OF TEXT OF STRATEGY COULD NOW BE ACHIEVED. CHAIRMAN REMINDED CSD THAT PARA 79 OF STRATEGY CALLED FOR IDENTIFICATION OF SHORTFALLS IN ACHIEVEMENT OF STRATEGY'S OBJECTIVES, AND ALLOWED FOR RECOMMENDATION OF NEW GOALS AND POLICIES AS NEEDED. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED MEMBERS TO BEAR THIS IN MIND, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF CONSIDERATION OF ITEM ON UNIFIED APPROACH. UK SUGGESTED THAT CSD CONCENTRATE ON GLOBAL OVERVIEW DOCUMENT FOR MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, RESERVING REST OF REPORT IN EDITED VERSION FOR NEXT BIENNIAL REVIEW.

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4. IN VIEW OF CONCERN OF CSD THAT REPORT BE MEANINGFUL TOOL IN REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCESS, CHAIR PROPOSED THAT CSD PROCEED WITH CONSIDERATION OF NEXT AGENDA ITEM WHILE HE, IN CONSULTATION WITH SECT, DRAFTED RES ON THIS SUBJECT FOR DEBATE BY CSD.

5. IN RESUMED SESSION ON 1/15, CSD HEARD FINAL STATEMENTS ON REPORT. EGYPT COMPLAINED THAT DOCUMENT ON WESTERN ASIA HAS TOTALLY IGNORED SOCIAL CONDITION OF ARABS LIVING IN OCCUPIED AREAS OF

WEST BANK, GAZA STRIP, AND JERUSALEM. CHAIR NOTED THAT THIS DOCUMENT NOT AVAILABLE IN ALL LANGUAGES AND THEREFORE NOT TECHNICALLY BEFORE CSD.

6. MALI NOTED DOCUMENT ON AFRICAN FAILED TO DEAL WITH SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS NATURAL CATASTROPHES, TERRITORIES UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION, AND SOCIAL CONDITION OF BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

7. IN CONCLUDING STATEMENT SECT (WALTERS) SAID CAREFUL NOTE WOULD BE TAKEN OF ALL CSD COMMENTS AND WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS APPROPRIATE.

8. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST THAT DELS RESPOND TO PARA 79 OF THE STRATEGY (SEE PARA 3 ABOVE), US DEL SUBMITTED FOLLOWING PROPOSALS AS OP PARAS FOR CSD RES ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL:

"1. REQUESTS THE SYG TO FORWARD TO THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (MEETING IN APRIL 1975), THE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL (MEETING IN MAY 1975), AND THE SPRING SESSION OF THE 1975 MEETING OF ECOSOC (58TH SESSION), THE INTRODUCTION (THE GLOBAL OVERVIEW) TO THE 1974 REPORT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE SOCIAL GOALS OF THE IDS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT;

"2. RECOMMENDS THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY BE REVIEWED IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN THE ELABORATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY BY ENUMERATING THE WIDER SPECTRUM OF SOCIAL GOALS AS SET OUT IN THE DECLARATION OF SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT; AND TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL POLICIES IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AS A MEANS TO ACHIEVING GREATER SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY; AND TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY PARTICIPATION OF ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION IN HELPING BOTH TO CREATE

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THE PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND TO SUPPORT THEM IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL PROGRESS."

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